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**UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

This Amendment is in response to the Examiner's non-Final Rejection dated September 25, 2007, of claims 1-10, all of the claims in the above identified application. Applicants respectfully request entry of this reply, reconsideration and allowance of the as-claimed invention in view of the following remarks.